

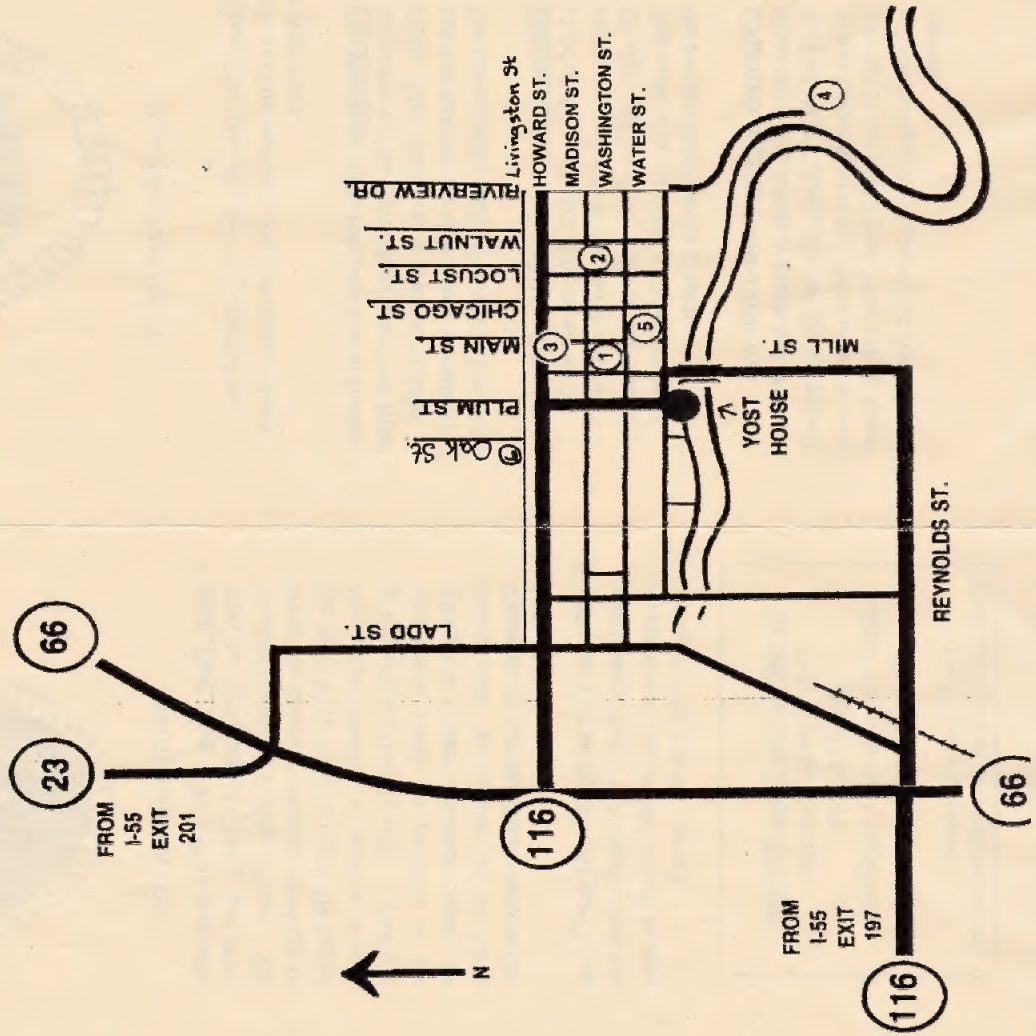
OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST IN PONTIAC

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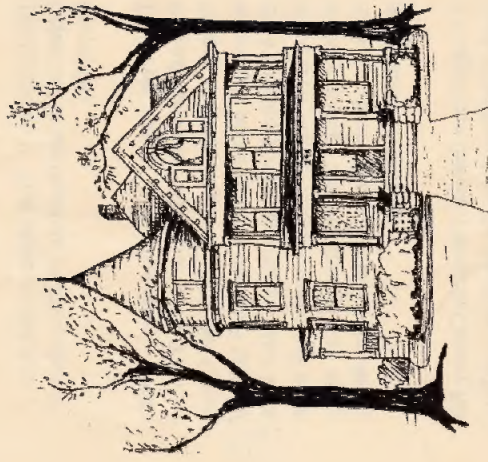
*1 Livingston County Courthouse

*2. The Jones House

- *3. Old City Hall Shoppes
Illinois Rt 66 Association Museum
Livingston County War Museum
- 4. Chautauqua Park
- 5. Sesquicentennial Mural
- 6. Strevell - Lincoln House



Yost House



Catharine V. Yost Museum
and ARTS CENTER

298 W. Water
Pontiac, Illinois 61764

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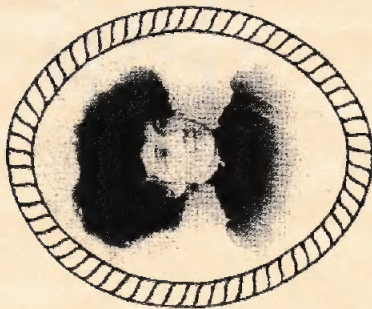
- *The house shares a unique record of an earlier lifestyle*
- *It is a five bedroom Victorian home that was occupied by one family for 90 years.*
- *It is furnished with the original family furnishings and belongings.*

The Catharine V. Yost Museum and Arts Center is a living museum, which is open to the public.

The Yost House is a three-story, wood-framed structure built for Z.F. Yost, a Pontiac attorney. Begun in 1898, this Queen Anne-style house rests on the north bank of the Vermilion River, providing a clear view of the river below. Visitors enjoy that same scenery today, filtered through the many trees and shrubs that offer a haven for visiting songbirds and waterfowl.

It is significant that the Twentieth Century has made little impact on the structure, inside or out. Here, the Yost and Hartshorn family possessions remain. Some date back to the 1850's, reminding visitors of the rich and varied cultural interests of its inhabitants.

- **Zoath Freeman Yost** (1863-1941) of Fairview, West Virginia graduated from West Virginia University in 1886. In 1889 while on business in Wheeling he met Miss Ella Hartshorn of Pontiac



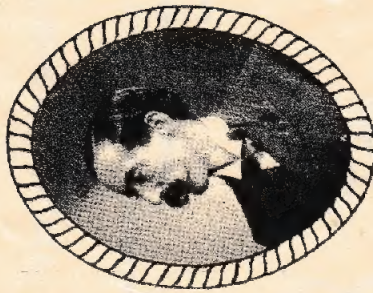
ELLA HARTSHORN YOST

Illinois. The following year they married and settled in Pontiac where Mr. Yost practiced law for fifty years.

- **Ella Hartshorn** (1866-1945) was born in Pontiac soon after the Hartshorn family arrived from Ohio. Miss Ella was a talented musician and was active in her church and community. She hosted many social events from this home

- **Hellene L. Yost** (1891-1979) the first born child of Z.F. and Ella. She received her Masters Degree from the University of Chicago and became a scholar and teacher. She assisted in the writing of the history of the Pontiac Presbyterian Church.

- **Catharine V. Yost** (1893-1970) was educated in Lynchburg, Virginia and at the Art Institute of Chicago. She traveled and painted in both Europe and the U.S. Most of her artwork remains in the Yost House. She help to found a local Artisans group called the Amitytown Painters.



ZOATH FREEMAN YOST

- **John Paul Yost** (1897-1988) graduated from the University of Chicago and West Virginia University College of Law. He chose the theatre profession, working in the New York Theatre Guild. He started Vermillion Players, a summer theatre group, which still exists today. J. Paul was also active locally as president of the Livingston County Historical Society for twelve years. In memory of his sister Catharine, he gave the Yost House to the City of Pontiac.

In 1990, the City of Pontiac and the Livingston County Historical Society entered into an agreement whereby the Society became manager of the historic property.

To visit the Yost House Museum

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